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THE DREAMERS

War gnawed the bones of nations; Hunger went
 Into the hearts and souls of people. Then
The dreamers called their tenderest dreams and sent
 Them out to stay the carnage of brave men . . .
Back to the dreamers came the dreams' lament,
 "Oh, take your swords, that we may live again!"

NOCTURNE

Clouds, piled up like the dunes
 In a world that cried for rain,
Shifted by winds that shifted
 The dunes themselves in the night,
Came from the night and drifted
 Into the night again!

Dreams, restless as the dunes
 Where things that were remain—
Buried while the winds shifted
 Or brought once more to sight—
Wandered from you and drifted
 Back to you again.

Glenn Ward Dresbach